

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of July 27, 2004, Applicant directs that claims 11 and 22-24 be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, permitting Applicant to pursue such claims in a divisional or continuation application. The cancellation of these claims is merely an expedient to obtain allowance of the remaining claims and in no way indicates acquiescence in any of the rejections.

Only allowed claims now remaining in the application, a Notice of Allowance is requested.

With respect to the Interview Summary attached to the Office Action, the Examiner has checked box "F", indicating agreement was reached with respect to the claims. Applicant disagrees. The interview was limited to the Examiner calling the undersigned to give an advance notice that a new, non-final rejection was being issued against claims 22-24. There was no discussion of the grounds of rejection other than the Examiner identifying the Smith reference. No agreement was reached with respect to the allowability of the claims. Consequently, box "H", not box "F" should have been checked.

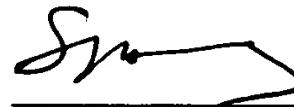
CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,
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